

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims so that they read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A communication system for exchanging information ~~through a~~ prescribed information through a network having pieces of terminal equipment and an information control means connected thereto, said communication system being operatively configured such that:

network, wherein

~~the~~ registered information ~~of the~~ characterizing said pieces of terminal equipment connected to said network system is registered in said information control means connected to said network system, and

when prescribed information is transmitted to the terminal equipment of a receiver connected to said network from the terminal equipment of a transmitter connected to said network, a transmission path for transmitting said information from said terminal equipment of the transmitter to said terminal equipment of the receiver is ~~determined~~ established on the basis of said registered information.

2. (Currently Amended) The communication system according to Claim 1, wherein said prescribed information transmitted from said terminal equipment of ~~the~~ said transmitter is converted into information which can be received by said terminal equipment of ~~the~~ said receiver.

3. (Currently Amended) An information controller connected to a network comprising:

registering means for registering ~~the~~ registered information ~~of~~ characterizing terminal equipment connected to said network system including terminal equipment of at least one transmitter and terminal equipment of at least one receiver; and

communication path determining means for determining ~~the~~ a transmission path ~~of said~~ information from said terminal equipment of ~~a~~ said transmitter to said terminal equipment of ~~a~~ said receiver based on ~~the basis of~~ said registered information when prescribed information is to be transmitted to said terminal equipment of the receiver ~~connected said network from the~~ terminal equipment of ~~the~~ said transmitter ~~connected to said network.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The information controller according to Claim 3, ~~wherein said information control means is provided with~~ further comprising converting means for converting said prescribed information transmitted from said terminal equipment of ~~the~~ said transmitter into information capable of being received by said terminal equipment of ~~the~~ said receiver.

5. (Currently Amended) A network system for exchanging prescribed information via a network, said networked operatively configured such that:
wherein

~~the~~ registered information ~~of~~ characterizing terminal equipment used by a user ~~and,~~
terminal equipment connected to said terminal equipment used by the user ~~among the pieces of,~~
and other terminal equipment connected to said network, is registered in ~~prescribed~~ registering means associated with an information controller also connected to the network, together with information ~~for~~ identifying said user, as available environmental information, and

~~provescribed~~ information is transmitted to a terminal equipment specified by said ~~registered~~ available environmental information.

6. (Currently Amended) The network system according to Claim 5, wherein ~~said~~ terminal equipment having a display means for capable of displaying at least some of said ~~prescribed~~ ~~provided~~ information is selected based on the ~~basis of the~~ available environmental information registered in said registering means ~~and said provided information is transmitted to said selected terminal equipment.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The network system according to Claim 5, wherein said available environmental information includes ~~owner information of said~~ information identifying an owner of at least on terminal equipment.

8. (Original) The network system according to Claim 5, wherein said available environmental information is registered in said registering means in accordance with a registration request through said terminal equipment from prescribed portable terminal means.

9. (Currently Amended) The network system according to Claim 5, wherein said available environmental information is registered in said registering means in accordance with ~~the~~a registration request transmitted from said terminal equipment, when prescribed external storing means is connected to said terminal equipment.

10. (Currently Amended) An information controller connected to a network comprising:

registering means for registering ~~the information of~~characterizing terminal equipment used by a user ~~and~~a terminal equipment connected to said terminal equipment used by said user ~~among the pieces of~~, and other terminal equipment connected to said network, together with information ~~for identifying~~ said user, as available environmental information, and

transmitting means for ~~transmitting~~establishing a transmission path such that provided information is transmitted ~~to the~~ terminal equipment specified by the registered available environmental information.

11. (Currently Amended) The information controller according to Claim 10, wherein said transmitting means selects ~~the~~ terminal equipment having a display means for~~capable of~~ displaying ~~prescribed~~at least some of said provided information on the basis of said registered available environmental information and transmits said provided information to said selected terminal equipment.

12. (Currently Amended) The information controller according to Claim 10, wherein said registering means ~~registers the~~includes information identifying an owner ~~information of~~ said terminal equipment.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A terminal~~Terminal equipment connected to a network comprising:

transmitting means for transmitting ~~the user~~identification information ~~of user for a~~user using said terminal equipment, ~~identifying registered~~ information ~~peculiar to~~identifying said terminal equipment ~~and the information of~~about connection ~~terminal equipment connected to~~connecting said terminal equipment to said network as available environmental information.

14. (Currently Amended) The terminal equipment according to Claim 13 comprising:
identifying information reading means connected to ~~prescribed~~ external storing means for
reading out ~~the identifying~~ said user identification information of said user from the ~~connected~~
~~external storing means, wherein~~ said read identifying an external storage means connected
to said terminal equipment, and conveying said user identification information of said user is
~~transmitted~~ to said network as part of said available environmental information.

15. (Currently Amended) The terminal equipment according to Claim 13 comprising:
identifying information receiving means for receiving the ~~identifying~~ user identification
information of said user transmitted from ~~prescribed~~ portable terminal means, ~~wherein~~ said
~~received identifying~~ connected to said terminal equipment, and transmitting said user
identification information of said user is transmitted to said network as part of said available
environmental information.